

Psalm 30

Formal elements:

1. Proclamation of love and praise
I will exalt You, O LORD- v. 1
2. Summary of reason- describing release from crisis
for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me- v.1
3. Report of need/trouble- implied
depths, enemies- v. 1, healed- v.2, grave, pit- v.3, weeping- v.5, wailing,
sackcloth- v. 11
contrasts time of security with 'when You hid Your face, I was dismayed.'-v. 6-7
4. Report of petition and rescue
O LORD my God, I called to You for help and You healed me. - v.2
O LORD, You brought me up from the grave;
You spared me from going down into the pit. - v.3
To You, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:...
...Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help. – vv8-10
5. Testimony
Sing to the LORD, you saints of His; praise His holy Name....
...rejoicing comes in the morning. – vv. 4-5
6. Renewal of vow to praise
Implicit in 'Will the dust praise You? Will it proclaim...?'- v. 9
that my heart may sing to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give
You thanks forever. – v. 12
7. Expression of thanks and praise
You turned my wailing into dancing...
...I will give You thanks forever. vv. 11-12

Note repetition of contrasts:

anger	favor
weeping	rejoicing
wailing	dancing
sackcloth	joy

Contrasting then with now

Note repetition of key words: grave- pit
destruction- pit

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1 מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר־חֲנֻכַּת הַבַּיִת לְדָוִד
 mizmor, song of dedication of the house of David

2 אֲרוֹמְמֶךָ יְהוָה כִּי דָלִיתָנִי
 I will lift up, exalt, extol You because You drew, picked me up

וְלֹא־שִׂמַּחְתָּ לִּי אִיְבִי
 and not You gladdened over, against¹ me my enemy

3 יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי שׁוֹעֵתִי אֵלַי וַתִּרְפְּאֵנִי
 Yahweh my God I cried out for help² unto You And You healed me

4 יְהוָה הֶעֱלִית מִן־שְׁאוֹל נַפְשִׁי
 Yahweh You bring up from³, out of Sheol my soul

חַיִּיתָנִי (מִיֹּרְדֵי־) [מִיֹּרְדֵי־] בּוֹר
 You preserved me from going down⁵ from going down⁵ pit of the grave⁴

¹ Disadvantage, Williams §271.

² Cf. Psa 5:3; 18:7,42; 28:2; 72:12; 88:14; 119:147.

³ Separative, Will. §315.

⁴ Cf. Psa 28:1; 143:7; Isa 13:15,19; 38:18

⁵ Infcs as a gerund, Will. §195.

5 זָמְרוּ לַיהוָה חַסִּידָיו
 PielPf3cp D.N.+ל mpc+3ms
 they sing to Yahweh His pious ones

וְהוֹדוּ לְזֵכֶר קִדְשׁוֹ
 QPf3cp+ו msc+ל msc+3ms
 and they give thanks with respect to⁶ remembrance of His holiness

6 כִּי רִנֵּעַ בְּאַפּוֹ חַיִּים בְּרִצּוֹנוֹ
 conj. msa msc+3ms+ב mpa msc+3ms+ב
 because moment in His anger life⁸ in His goodwill, favor, acceptance⁷

בְּעֶרְבַּי יִלִּין בְּכִי וּלְבֹקֶר רִנָּה
 msa+ב+ה msa QPf3ms msa msa+ל+ה+ו msa
 in the evening he lodges, passes the night weeping and by⁹ the morning ringing cry of joy

7 וְאֲנִי אָמַרְתִּי בְּשֵׁלוֹי
 1cs+ו QPf1cs fsc+1cs+ב
 and I I said in my quietness, ease, rest

בְּלֹ-אֲמוּט לְעוֹלָם
 adv. neg. NiphIpf1cs msa+ל
 not I will be shaken to eternity, forever

8 יְהוָה בְּרִצּוֹנְךָ הָעֲמַדְתָּ לְהַרְרִי
 D.N. msc+2ms+ב HiphPf2ms msc+1cs+ל
 Yahweh in Your goodwill, favor You established to my mountain

עַז הִסְתַּרְתָּ פְּנֵיךָ הַיִּיתִי נִבְהַל
 adv. HiphPf2ms mdc+2ms QPf1cs NiphPtcpmsa
 then You hid Your face I was being out of my senses, terrified

⁶ Of specification, Will. § 273.

⁷ Cf. Psa 5:13; 30:6,8; 51:20; 89:18; 106:4

⁸ Both as days of life, lifespan, and quality of life as welfare and happiness.

⁹ Temporal, Will. §268.

9 אֶלַיְךָ יְהוָה אֶקְרָא
 QIpf1cs D.N. prep+2ms
 I cry out Yahweh unto You

וְאֶל- אֲדַנִּי אֶתְחַנֵּן
 HithIpf1cs Prop. N. prep+ו
 I seek favor the Lord and unto

10 מֶה- בַּעַל בְּדַמִּי בְּרִדְתִּי אֶל- שָׁחַת
 fsa prep QInfcs+1cs+ב msc+1cs+ב msa interog.
 a pit unto in my going down in my blood gain, profit what?

הַיּוֹדֵךְ עֹפָר הַיִּגִּיד אֱמֻתְךָ
 fsc+2ms HiphIpf3ms+ה? msa HiphIpf3ms+2ms+ה?
 Your truth/faithfulness will he declare/relate? dust will he praise You?

11 שְׁמַע- יְהוָה וַחֲנֻנִי
 QIpv2ms+1cs+ו D.N. QIpv2ms
 and show me favor Yahweh hear

יְהוָה הִיָּה- עֵזֵר לִי
 1cs+ל QPtcpmsa QIpvmsa D.N.
 To me one helping be Yahweh

12 הִפַּכְתָּ לִּי לְמַחֹל מְסַפְּדֵי
 1cs+ל msa+ל msc+1cs QPf2ms
 to, concerning me to dance my wailing, mourning You turned

פָּתַחְתָּ שַׁבְּי וַתֵּאָזְרֵנִי שְׂמֵחָה
 fsa PielVCIpf2ms+1cs msc+1cs PielPf2ms
 rejoicing, joy and You girded, dressed me my sackcloth You loosed

יָהֵם	וְלֹא	כְּבוֹד	יִזְמְרֶךָ	לְמַעַן 13
QIpf3ms	neg.+ו	msa	Piellpf3ms+2ms	conj.
He will be silent	and not	glory, honor ¹⁰	he will sing (to, of) You	in order that

אֹדְךָ	לְעוֹלָם	אֱלֹהֵי	יְהוָה
QIpf1cs+2ms	msa+ל	mpc+1cs	D.N.
I will praise, thank You	to eternity, forever	my God	Yahweh

¹⁰ “poet. of the seat of honor in the inner man, the noblest part of man” BDB cf. Gen 49:6; Psa 7:6; 16:9; 108:2; 57:9.

Psalm 30

- I. [Superscription]
 - A. A psalm, a song
 - B. For the dedication of the temple
 - C. Of David
- II. [Introduction]
 - A. [Proclamation of praise]
 - 1. I will exalt You, O LORD
 - B. [Summary of reason]
 - 1. for You lifted me out of the depths
 - 2. and did not let my enemies gloat over me
 - 3. Lord my God, I called for You to help
 - 4. and You healed me
- III. [From the pit to rejoicing]
 - A. [Report of need]
 - 1. LORD, You brought me up from the grave
 - 2. You spared me from going down into the pit
 - B. [Testimony]
 - 1. Sing to the LORD, you saints of His
 - 2. praise His Holy Name
 - 3. For His anger lasts only a moment
 - 4. but His favor lasts a lifetime
 - 5. weeping may remain for a night
 - 6. but rejoicing comes in the morning.
- IV. [Center section]
 - A. [Secure]
 - 1. When I felt secure, I said,
 - 2. "I will never be shaken."
 - B. [Center]
 - 1. LORD, when You favored me
 - 2. You made my mountain stand firm
 - C. [Insecure]
 - 1. but when You hid Your face,
 - 2. I was dismayed
- V. [From the pit to joy]
 - A. [Report of petition and rescue]
 - 1. To You, O LORD, I called;
 - 2. to the Lord I cried for mercy;
 - B. [Vow to praise]
 - 1. What gain is there in my destruction
 - 2. in my going down to the pit?
 - 3. Will the dust praise You?
 - 4. Will it proclaim Your faithfulness?
 - C. [Report of petition and rescue]
 - 1. Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;
 - 2. LORD, be my help
 - 3. You turned my wailing into dancing
 - 4. You removed my sackcloth
 - 5. and clothed me with joy,
- VI. [Thanksgiving and praise]
 - A. That my heart may sing to You
 - B. And not be silent
 - C. LORD, my God
 - D. I will give You thanks forever.